Integrated Solid Waste Regulatory Framework Rulemaking

Opportunity to Participate in Informal Public Participation Process

The purpose of this rulemaking is to establish a systematic and comprehensive framework for regulating solid waste facilities and solid waste streams in Arizona. This rulemaking will integrate and implement statutory provisions related to best management practices, self-certification requirements, plan approval procedures, financial assurance requirements, design and operation rules for solid waste facilities, and other topics. The types of facilities that may be affected by this rulemaking include landfills, treatment facilities, transfer facilities, on-site storage facilities, composting facilities, and recycling facilities. The rulemaking will also address the handling of solid waste prior to the point it is received by a solid waste facility.

ADEQ intends to engage stakeholders who will be affected by or who are interested in the establishment of these rules in an informal public participation process prior to filing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking under the state's Administrative Procedure Act. ADEQ commits to work directly with all affected stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that their issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.

ADEQ anticipates that this informal public participation process will have two phases.

Phase I: Stakeholder Workshops on Regulatory Concepts

These facilitated workshops will provide background information on the existing solid waste regulatory program and an overview of key rule concepts. Workshop participants are encouraged to provide feedback and raise issues.

Please indicate your intention to attend a specific workshop session by sending an email to Martha Seaman [seaman.martha@azdeq.gov] or calling Martha at 602-771-2221.

Workshop schedule:

Tucson June 11, 2007

Afternoon session: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Evening session: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm DES Conference Room ADEQ - Southern Regional Office 400 W. Congress Tucson, AZ 85701

Phoenix

June 18, 2007

Afternoon session: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Main Floor Meeting Space

Carnegie Center

1101 W. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Evening session: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Conference Room 250

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

1110 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007

Flagstaff

June 20, 2007

Afternoon session: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Evening session: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Board Room

Coconino Community College

Lone Tree Campus

2800 S. Lone Tree Rd.

Flagstaff, AZ 86001-2701

Phase II: Stakeholder Workshops on Draft Rule Text

ADEQ will consider the feedback received during the Phase I workshops and will use it to prepare draft rule text for consideration and analysis by stakeholders. The agency's goal is to distribute draft rule text in August. At the time draft rule text is distributed, a schedule of rule text workshops will be announced. These facilitated workshops will give stakeholders opportunities to provide feedback on the draft rule text.

ADEQ intends to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by December, 2007.